



## REGULAR MEETING

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2011**

# WESTON TOWN HALL

32 oversight on the project. The consensus now is to shut down the  
33 project for the winter and cease further work on the Varsity field. If  
34 they continue working, there is a danger that the situation could  
35 worsen at the Varsity field. It is expected that the JV field will be  
36 completed prior to winter and will be ready for spring. The  
37 contractor hopes to lay down the sod in the next week.  
38 Unfortunately the Varsity field will not be completed which will  
39 complicate scheduling for the teams that use the field. The First  
40 Selectman has been in contact with the baseball organizations to  
41 alert them to the current state of the project and the outlook for  
42 spring. The Town has paid the contractor only a portion of the  
43 amount due for the work performed. The First Selectman was  
44 informed that a possible reason for the contractor's poor  
45 performance was that it was busy with two other larger projects  
46 during the same time period. The Town considered all of its  
47 options, including terminating the contractor and hiring a new  
48 company to finish the project. Two bids from other companies  
49 came in significantly higher than the current contractor. After  
50 considering all possible options, the Selectmen decided to require  
51 the current contractor to complete the project.

52 4) Unfinished Business

53 a) Middle School Pool Issues Report: Commissioner Albert reviewed  
54 the history of the problems at the pool that were first reported to the  
55 Commission during the summer of 2011. Mr. Ungar provided a  
56 checklist of action items dated December 8, 2011 (copy attached  
57 hereto). Mr. Ungar reviewed the pool report. Some progress has  
58 been made but problems remain. New locks are set to be installed  
59 for the entire facility in August. Air quality continues to be an  
60 issue. First Selectman Weinstein reported that the 2012 Capital  
61 Budget will have a study for drainage and water flow. Ultimately  
62 the goal would be to replace the chlorine system with a UV light  
63 system which is not as noxious. Also looking to fix the heating  
64 system if possible. They have an estimate to replace the locker  
65 rooms for \$1.5 million, which is considered too costly for the  
66 present time. Instead, they will look to make minor modifications  
67 and improvements where possible. There is a request in to work on  
68 air, water and drainage. It is a two-year project – 2012 will entail  
69 study and the work will be completed in 2013.

70 b) Insurance for Sponsored Programs: The consensus of the  
71 Commission is that every sponsored program must have the  
72 participants sign a form with a hold harmless/release and indemnity  
73 provision to protect the Town to the fullest extent possible. After  
74 considering all options over the past few months, the Commission  
75 believes that this is the optimal approach to balance the interests of  
76 protecting the Town, while still making sure that sponsored

77 programs have the opportunity to use Town sports and recreation  
78 facilities.

79 5) Report of standing committees and resulting motions:

80 a) Administrative Committee: None.

81 b) Aquatics Committee: *See*, Section 4(a), above.

82 c) Fields Committee: None.

83 d) Programs Committee: None.

84 e) Parks Committee: None.

85 6) New Business

86 a) 2012-2013 P&R Operating and Capital Budgets: Mr. Ungar  
87 presented the draft Operating Budget requests for 2012 (copies are  
88 attached). He reported that reductions from 2011 include \$5,000  
89 for pool painting and reduced gas bills. The increases over 2011  
90 include cost of living. Overall the budget is down 2.5% from 2011.  
91 A discussion ensued for each separate line item of the Operating  
92 Budget:

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94 i) Motion to approve Operating Budget for Administration as  
95 stated in Mr. Ungar's draft (Butlein motion/ Bernstein second).  
96 Motion to approve passed 5-0.  
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98 ii) Motion to approve Operating Budget for Grounds as stated in  
99 Mr. Ungar's draft (Butlein motion/ Bernstein second). Motion  
100 to approve passed 5-0.  
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102 iii) Motion to approve Operating Budget for Pool as stated in Mr.  
103 Ungar's draft (Butlein motion/ Bernstein second). Motion to  
104 approve passed 5-0.  
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106 Mr. Ungar then presented the draft Capital Budget for 2012-2013  
107 and a discussion ensued. The issue of replacing the turf field will  
108 require attention in the future. There is currently a 10-year  
109 warranty on the turf fields. Mr. Butlein recommends seeking an  
110 expert's guidance on how long the turf fields will last. Mr. Ungar  
111 indicated he would pass along the suggestion to the Board of  
112 Education.

113 A further discussion ensued about the line items requesting money  
114 for a new tractor and a truck. The consensus of the Commission was to  
115 switch the order of numbers three and four and to keep the requested  
116 amount of \$25,000 for a new tractor.

- 117 i) Motion to approve Capital Budget as stated in Mr. Ungar's  
118 draft, as amended (Bernstein motion/ Albert second). Motion to  
119 approve passed 5-0.  
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- 121 b) Enterprise Fund: Mr. Ungar presented a spreadsheet listing the  
122 Enterprise Fund accounts. The Commission decided to table  
123 further discussion of this topic until the January meeting.
- 124 c) Election of Officers: Mr. Bernstein proposed that we re-elect the  
125 current slate of officers.
- 126 i) Motion to elect Eric Albert as Chairman of the Commission for  
127 the next term (Bernstein motion/ Butlein second). Motion  
128 approved 5-0.
- 129 ii) Motion to elect Robert Uzenoff as Vice Chairman of the  
130 Commission for the next term (Bernstein motion/ Butlein  
131 second). Motion approved 5-0.
- 132 d) Meeting Dates for 2012: The Commission approved the following  
133 meeting dates and times for 2012:
- 134 January 9, 2012: 7:30 p.m.  
135 February 13, 2012: 7:45 p.m.  
136 March 12, 2012: 7:45 p.m.  
137 April 9, 2012: 7:45 p.m.  
138 May 14, 2012: 7:45 p.m.  
139 June 11, 2012: 7:45 p.m.  
140 July 9, 2012: 7:45 p.m.  
141 August 13, 2012: 7:45 p.m.  
142 September 10, 2012: 7:45 p.m.  
143 October 15, 2012: 7:45 p.m.  
144 November 19, 2012: 7:45 p.m.  
145 December 10, 2012: 7:45 p.m.  
146 January 14, 2013: 7:45 p.m.
- 147 7) Correspondence: None  
148 8) Announcements: None  
149 9) Adjournment: The Commission adjourned at 10:05 p.m., Butlein/  
150 Bernstein motion and second. All in favor 5-0.
- 151 Respectfully Submitted,  
152 Jed Ferdinand, Secretary

